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lany Are Killed in a Big Explosion at Pekin, Ill.

ween 20 and 35 Persons on and Fire.

efining Company.

n. Ill., Jan. 3.—(By the Asso-Press).-Between twenty and ve persons were killed and 100 according to estimates, in an the Corn Products Refining Comhere ealy today. At 10 a. m. bodies, six of them identified, had

that hour, two buildings of the ant were in ruins, building No. 33. lebris, and building No. 27,

from their homes in Pekin, two 100 clerks in his employ.

companies from both Peoria and and severe cold handicapped on the ruins and gave a mantel to the walls of the house and debris of the starch Only the walls of build-

No. 27 was standing at 10 o'clock. The Story From Peoria. ia, Ill., Jan. 3.-Between 20 and werks of the Corn Products Complant at Pekin are believed to have killed in an explosion which the yuilding adout 3:35 this afon. More than TOO other workwill die of burns, physicians Rescue workers report seeing bodies in the basement, but they be unable to reach them until the

are controlled. plant employed about 800 mer is estimated that about 250 were work when the explosion occurred. of the night shift which went were about twenty-five workers due 072,000 in 1909. on at 4 o'clock. The cause of blast has not been determined, but believed to have been due to a dust The explosion was so terseveral box cars alongside the fere shattered or blown off the The property damage is estiat about \$100,000.

dentified dead are: George Har-Lee Harding, Louis Schmidt, Wilder, John Hooper and William

Marriage License Record in Durham. urham, Jan. 3.—Durham county es

a new marriage license record cember, according to the reof N. G. Markham, register of One hundred twenty licenses to were issued during the 31-day pe-The previous record was made when 112 of the docuwere issued while the monthly rage is around 60. The record for year, also a new high record, was

Another Unit of the National Guard. ville, Jan. 3.—Another unit of the elry. ional guard probably will be organizin North Carolina according to adreceived here from Adjutant Generrille already is the location of cav- homeless. y and veterinary troops.

Some Marrying in Cumberland.

Paretteville, N. C., Jan 3.—Dan Cupid the toll of 442 couples in Cumbercounty during 1923, according to ecords of the register of deeds made here on January first. It was a race between Caucasians and opians, the records indicated, 223 of censes going to white couples while dusky race got the remaining 219.

eneral Advance of Renels to Begin Today.

Vera Cruz, Jan. 2.—The general adace of the rebels on Puebla and Mexico ty will begin today, according to ingent headquarters.

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REDUCED TO DEBRIS

* (By the Associated Press)

* Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 3.—"It has * taken the advent of the boll weevil * to blast into the minds of outhern * ident Occurred in Pow
* farmers that it does not pay to *

* swap cotton dollars for bread and * ident Occurred in Powident Occurred in Powir House of Starch Builder House of Starch Buildigs of the Corn Products

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meat from the west, of South Car# opposition to lower grain rates
from the west, at an Interstate

and fire in the starch build- WALL ST. BOYS DEMONSTRATE U. S. IS LAND OF OPPORTUNITY Evidence That the United States is a

New York, Jan. 3 .- That the United States remains a land of opportunity is owder house, where the blast evidenced by the fact that during the last being reduced to a mass of five years 30 former page boys an telephone clerks have purchased seats in the house, still ablaze, its walls New York Stock Exchange at \$80,000 nit giving off heat so intense or more each. Benjamin Jackobson, forefforts could be made to search mer page boy who paid \$80,000 for a seat, is the most recent example,

bodies.
men, werking in five box cars
30 feet from the building were
and are believed to have been hand are believed to have been change is Celestin A. Durand whose phethe cars were destroyed by the nomenal rise from a obscure clerk to his present position occurred in a period of eight years. He has the record of being a trade genius and has purchased seats in the exchange for two assistants.

Another striking example is Arthur G ording Somers, now a member of Charles M. He Schott, Jr., & Co., of which he became Lawson refrained a senior partner January 1st. He beperintendent Lawson remained gan his business career as a runner for a fering any estimate of the dead wall Street brokerage house. For twelve years he worked as clerk and six years hlast occurred, relatives and ago bought exchange membership with the employees rushed to the \$96,000 borrowed money. Hhe now has

"There are now more than 1,000 stocks oped on the third floor of the listed on exchange insteead of about 250 plant Frank Lichtweiss, aged as there were years ago. These are in-Peroia, sang to his fellow work- creasing steadily," said Somers. "Now something like 1,000,000 shares change hands daily; I predict that before 1924 has run we will see 3,000,000 shares a

the were able to leave the floor had ticeship as page and clerk must buy

companies from both Peoria and to the young man who would succeed in responded to the calls for aid. Wall Street, is honesty.

fighters and rescue workers. Per Acre Crop Value in State Multi-

North Carolina, Department of Agricul- more Democratic national conventions in trapped in the basement of the ture, setting forth comparative figures than any other city. Four times within

states of the union in 1923, as it did in cratic national conventions to its credit, 1922, in the total value of the 22 prin- is next in the list. In the early years were injured, of whom about twenty cipal crops, the reports stated.

\$100, while it was stated many formers places of the Democrats were as follows, averaged over \$200 gross return per with their presidential nominee: acre on the cotton planting.

Tobacco averaged \$160 per acre, ac cording to the report. The total value of all of the principal crops produced in the state last year was estimated at at 11 o'clock. Among the victims \$431,500.600, as compared with \$131, on ninth ballot.

> German Druggist Sent to Jail When He Scorned Paper Marks. Berlin, Jan. 3 .- Six months in jail

and a fine of ten trillion marks was the where Douglas was nominated on second sentence imposed on a Frankfort druggist for refusal to take paper marks in exchange for petroleum. He told the on first ballot. court he had to pay for the oil in some sort of stable money and consequently did not know how he could replenish his stock if he sold for paper marks.

Under the laws of the republic paper marks are legal tender and the judge had the druggist hustled off to jail immediately, explaining that such treatment of the dealer would have good effect on ed by acclamation after second ballot. other merchants and afford the public, protection.

Masked Robbers Get \$4,000 Worth of

Jewelry. New York, Jan. 3.-Two masked robbers with drawn revolvers this morning invaded the suite occupied by David Palter, a stock broker, on the fifth floor of a West 79th street apartment house, forc- ed by acclamation. ed their way into Mrs. Palter's bedroom and escaped with \$4,0000 worth of jew-

Mississippi Cyclone Does Damage. VanB. Metts. The city of Ashe-has been invited by General Metts Meridian, shortly after midnight, injurstruck Causeyville, four miles south of organize a headquarters and service ing several negroes, and doing heavy beille already. Figure 1. Regiment.

WHAT SAT'S BEAR SAYS.



Rain and colder tonight, Friday fair honor of the soldier, said to be one of and much colder.

BY GOLLY! THIS IS GETTING EXCITING



ABOUT THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

Places of Meeting Since 1844 and Ballot on Which Nominees Were Named. Washington, D. C., Jan. 3 .- St. Louis engaged just now in a vigorous campaign to capture the Democratic nation-

\$22.10 in 1909 to \$59 in 1923, accord- this year, abundant precedent may be ing to an annual report issued today by found for the choice. Since 1876 St. Commissioner W. A. Graham, of the Louis has had the honor of entertaining PRESIDENT TAKES HIKE demonstrating the state agricultural that period have the presidential tickets of the party been named in the Mound This state ranked fourth among the City. Chicago, with three of the Demo-Baltimore was the favorite convention The average per acre value of cotton city of the Democrats. Coing back more in North Carolina in 1923 was given as than seventy-five years, the meeting

1844-Baltimore; Polk nominated on ninth ballot. 1848-Baltimore; Cass nominated on fourth ballot.

1852-Baltimore: Pierce 1856-Cincinnati: Buchanan nomi-

nated on seventeenth ballot. 1860-Charleston, S. C.; Douglas led on fifty-seventh ballot, when convention adjourned to reconvene at Baltimore, ballot.

1864 Chicago; McClellan nominated 1868-New York; Seymour nominated by acclamation on twenty-second

1872-Baltimore; Greeley nominated on first ballot.

1876-St. Louis; Tilden nominated on second ballot. 1880-Cincinnati; Hancock nominat-1884 Chicago; Cleveland nominated on second ballot

1888-St. Louis; Cleveland nominated by acclamation without ballot. 1892-Chicago: Cleveland nominated on first ballot.

1896-Chicago: Bryan nominated fter fifth ballot. 1900-Kansas City; Bryan nominat-

1904-St. Louis; Parker nominated after first ballot. 1908-Denver; Bryan nominated on

first ballot. 1912-Baltimore; Wilson nominated on forty-sixth ballot. 1916-St. Louis; Wilson nominated

on first ballot. 1920-San Francisco; Cox on fortyfourth ballot. 1924 ? ? ?

To Count a Trillion No Idle Job. Heidelberg, Jan. 3.-Since the terms billions and trillions came into daily usage in Germany in connection with the paper mark, some one has figured out that if Old Adam had started counting in the Garden of Eden and kept on counting ever since to this day, he would

reach the total of a trillion some time within the next year. Irvin York Honored. Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 3 .- Pall Mall post office, in Fentress county, the home of Alvin York, hero of the World War, has been named "Alvin York" by the

the greatest of the war.

VACATE THE DIVORCE

Until Mrs. Sanderson Shall Satisfy the Court That She is a Resident of Rhode Island. Providence, R. I., Jan. 3.-Judge

acre crop values have climbed from Louis be named as the convention city its duty to lay the facts before the attorney general for suitable action.

> WITHOUT HIS OVERCOAT Shivering Washingtonians Gasp as the

> Executive Scorns Cold Wave. Washington, D. C., Jan. 1.-Persons on the Washington streets today, bundla ing up their wraps in one of the coldest snaps of the winter, noticed a man in ordinary business suit walking along briskly without an overcoat. His indifference to the cold made him a rather curious figure, and the curiosity was increased when passers-by, a paching

mearer, saw it was the President.

Mr. Coolidge missed his early morning walk today, but made up this afternoon with a jaunt around Lafavette Square and the ellipse back of the White House. He proved the Washington temperatures have not thinned his blood leaving all outer covering behind. much to the interest of those who were discussing the cold wave. The mercury stood at 35.

The President returned to the White House smoking a cigar and in the best of today, 6.30 a. m., and was at the excutive offices before any one but his personal secretary, Edward T. Clarke, was on deck causing other employees to understand he intends to set a fast pace for 1924. He signed a number of papers before returning to the White

To Push Centenary Fund Campaign. Statesville, Jan. 3.—Decision has been made that the churches of the States-ville district of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will hold mission meetings during January for the purpose of political party in the diet, stimulating interest in the Centenary Fund Campaign. Eighty-seven churches

EDITORS MEET AT PINEHURST North Carclina Press Association Opens

publishers and editors from all sections completed. of unusual quality and some apanions went to their death strains of the songs in their He did not jump until all the gree able to leave the floor had the is streetly burned, and spital here.

This means that experienced men will all convention to be held this summer. New York, Chicago and several other the divorce granted vesterday to Nina Wilcox Putnam Sanderson, from Robert J. Sanderson, unit until the national committee the divorce granted vesterday to Nina Wilcox Putnam Sanderson, from Robert J. Sanderson, unit until the national committee the divorce granted vesterday to Nina Wilcox Putnam Sanderson, from Robert J. Sanderson, unit until the national committee the divorce granted vesterday to Nina Wilcox Putnam Sanderson, from Robert J. Sanderson, unit until the national committee the divorce granted vesterday to Nina Wilcox Putnam Sanderson, nut until the national committee the divorce granted vesterday to Nina Wilcox Putnam Sanderson, nut until the national committee the divorce granted vesterday to Nina Wilcox Putnam Sanderson, nut until the note time as she that experienced men will shall be divorce granted vesterday to Nina Wilcox Putnam Sanderson, nut until the note time divorce granted vesterday to Nina Wilcox Putnam Sanderson, nut until the divorce granted vesterday to Nina Wilcox Putnam Sanderson, nut until the other the divorce granted the divorce granted vesterday to Nina Wilcox Putnam Sanderson, nut until the divorce granted t Chester W. Burrows, of the Superior Press Association opened its mid-winter HINES' CHANCES FOR

Raleigh, Jan. 2.—North Carolina per far west as San Francisco. Should St. reasonable time, it will feel that it is who also are members of the Associated This meeting adjourned this afternoon at 1 o'clock.

The evils of free publicity were to be discussed this afternoon. Golfing and other amusement will also occupy a portion of the afternoon,

Harry Thaw Will Again Seek His Free- Cobb, humorist, against whom a war- buying was reported at these figures, pre-

Coyne, a New York lawyer, who for a number of years has represented Harry and it is not known when he will return some 30 or 40 points from the lowest K. Thaw, today definitely confirmed re- to the city. ford White, now in a Philadelphia asy-lum, would soon seek his freedom.

Meantime state officers are holding the warrant, in which it is alleged Cobb 34.00; March 34.40; May 34.60; July

would seek his freedom and face charges when he should have obtained a nonof having whipped Frederick Gump of Kansas City in a New York hotel in 1917, today was followed by announcement that Gump would agree to settle a had been filed at Wharton. \$650,000 civil damage suit against Thaw out of court, and indications that he would let the criminal charge lapse.

Thaw's Mother Will Oppose Attempt. Philadelphia, Jan. 3 .- Former Judge James Gay Gordon, counsel for Mrs. Mary Copley Thaw, mother of Harry K. Thaw, indicated today that any attempt He rose at his usual hour to have Thaw released from the Penn sylvania Hospital for Mental and Nervous Diseases would be opposed.

Kiyoura Will Try to Form Cabinet. Press).—After announcing earlier his in-burning of the stairs, James Mentzer, ability to complete a ministry, Viscount aged 77, and eight of his grandchildren cabinet, has reconsidered. At the furaccepted the task of forming a new cab- ion County. inet. Previously he declared he had been unable to obtain the support of any

Fire at Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Who Pays For Advertising?

Not the manufacturer, for he thereby procures more business, the profits from which more than offset the ad-

vertising cost. Not the retailer, for advertised brands sell easiest, turn quickest and therefore yield the greatest on the amount invested per year.

Not the person who buys the advertised article, for the cost of production has been brought down by increased business and the cost of selling has been reduced because advertising has already practically completed the sale.

Advertising is an investment which produces returns and therefore pays for itself.

CONGRESS RESUMES WORK AFTER THE HOLIDAY RECECC State Library

Busy Five Months Before Adjournment for the National Conventions.

DEADLOCK STILL REMAINS UNBROKEN

The Senate Ballots for Chair- Wants to Stop the Flow of man of Interstate Commerce Committee.-Pvrotechnics in the House.

Washington, Jan. 3 .- With the two weeks holiday recess over, Congress went put a stop to alleged liquor drinking-by back to work today with indications members of Congress and other high govpointing to a busy five months before ernment officials, and to prevent leakage

of the Interstate Commerce Committee demand was embodied in a resolution was the order after the usual morning and a speech prepared in support of it. hour for transaction of business of a routine character. Despite holiday con"clean around its own door by passing a ferences there appeared little prospect resolution declaring persona non grata to for a breaking of the deadlock which de- the floor of the House, any member found veloped soon after Congress convened a lunder the influence of liquor in the capi-

of oratory. Three members had prepar-fice."

ed addresses to deliver, Representative

He also suggested that all Federal ap-Treadway, republican, of Massachusetts, pointees including cabinet officers, army The Majesty of the Law and National ippine independence.

Next week the House expects to receive from the committee carrying funds Upshaw said: for the interior department. Army and The House ways and means committee had before it again today the Mellon and all their other troubles and respontant revision bill, but members said it sibilities from liquor immunity. I am would be another 10 days or two weeks introducing a bill to relieve them of before consideration of the administra- their temptations in our prohibition Pinehurst, N. C., Jan. 3.—With the tive provisions of the measure would be land.

middle West, the Democrats have done considerable wandering in the past. In comparatively recent years they have been as far south as Baltimore and as does not hear from his client within a compared of markets of Bourness on the rear singht by H. A. Grier, chauffeur for Mabel Normand, film star, passed Today's session followed the executive committee meeting last night and according to attending physicians. They a meeting of the Associated Press Club added his chance of recovery was good. taken to the same hospital, is said to newal of liquidation in the cotton market be in a highly nervous state. She will at the opening today owing to the confew days, her physicians said.

Texas is After Irvin S. Cobb For First prices were easy at a decline of Violating Hunting Law.

Houston, Tex., Jan. 2.-Irvin

Confirmation of reports that Thaw the name of J. H. Davis two years ago resident license. The resident license fee is \$2, the non-resident is \$15. The warrant was issued after a complaint

New York writer, named in a warrant water. held by Texas officers charging violation of the state game law, is not likely to damage was fully covered by insurance. fall into the clutches of the officials, it was announced today by friends who by who saw the roof blazing. It is bedeclare he has been in New York for lieved the fire started in the chimney and

Man and Eight Children Burned to Death.

Oil City, Pa., Jan. 2.—Trapped in an Tokio, Jan. 3 (By the Associated upstairs room with escape cut off by the Kiego Kiyoura, who was summoned Tues- ranging in age from two months to fourday by Prince Regent Hirohito to form a teen years, were burned to death yesterday, when fire destroyed a farm house at Tylersbung, in a remote section of Clarshoes for \$5.95. Look up ad. on page ther request of the prince regent he has Tylersburg, in a remote section of Clar-

Reward Offered for Gatling's Arrest. Raleigh, Jan. 3 .- While Raleigh police Store. reported that no trace of Lawrence Gat-Fund Campaign. Eighty-seven churches compose the district.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 3.—Fire this afternoon swept the Paris and Union Horison today offered a reward "for an alleged sayer of his whe and Owen Stephens had been found, Governor Morter of National Bank Statements.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The Comptroller of the Currency today issued a call for of the Currency today issued a call for was in flames before fire apparatus arbitrary and formed by a stiff wind the amor named \$400 as the amor named \$400 the condition of all National Banks at the close of business on Monday, December 31st.

rived and, fanned by a stiff wind, the ernor named \$400 as the amount of the the second floor everything has been reward, the highest allowed under the buildings were blazing furiously.

> Clearance Sale at Fisher's. The Clearance Sale at Fisher's will The Clearance Sale at Fisher's will start Friday, January 4th and will run through Saturday, the 19th. These will Mrs. Bernard Hoff, missionaries of the be the days of profitable shopping, for Swedish branch of the Lutheran Church the prices on all winter goods has been in the United States, who were wounded the prices on all winter goods has been in the United States, who were wounted cut to the bone. Wraps, dresses, blous-recently when bandits raided the fown es, skirts, corsets, furs, hosiery, and of Tsaoyand, are in a hospital at Siang many other things wil be reduced great-Yangfu, according to official advices to ly in this sale. Read the big ad. on Chinese government officials here. No page three today.

Two Trainmen Killed. Orangeburg, S. C., Jan. 3 .- Two train-

men were killed and four seriously injured near here early today when a locomotive pulling a freight conductor's Europe. eab ran into a special freight train on bers of the train crew said.

States in the value of its farm products. think it over.

With Indications Pointing to By Members of Congress and Other High Officials is Demanded by Representative Upshaw, of Georgia.

> **MAKES VIGOROUS** SPEECH IN HOUSE

"Diplomatic" Liquor in Bootlegging Channels.— Introduces Resolution.

Washington, Jan. 3 .- Drastic action to adjournment for the national conven-tions. of "diplomatic" liquors into bootleg chan-nels, was demanded today by Representa-In the Senate, balloting for a chairman tive Upshaw, democrat, of Georgia. His

tor or house office building, or known to The House program called for a day have liquor illegally acquired in his of-

on the anthracite situation; Representa- and navy officers, and diplomatic and tive Upshaw, democrat, of Georgia, on consular representatives abroad, be required to take a pledge of total abstin-Sobriety," and Pedro Guevara, the resident Philippine commissioner, on Philadded, should be used on all government officials known to drink liquor.

In reference to diplomatic liquor Mr "Recent investigations have convinced navy and other supply bills will follow. me that some diplomats would be hear-

> If he were President, Mr. Upshaw said, he would "declare without delay the White House shall be dry, the President RECOVERY ARE GOOD shall be dry, his appointees shall be dry, and I here and now call for the resignation of every executive appointee, including army, navy and cabinet officers, who

> > THE COTTON MARKET Renewal of Liquidation.-Decline

Miss Normand, who last night, was New York, Jan. 3 .- There was a re be operated on for appendicitis in a tinued weakness of Liverpool and reports that yesterday's break in raw cotton had checked the demand for cotton goods. to 36 points, with March selling off to S. 34.37 and July to 33.60. Some trade rant charging violation of the Texas sumably to fix prices, however, while New York, Jan. 3.—Bartholomew B. game law has been issued, is said to be liquidation was less active than it was hunting and fishing off Aransas Pass yesterday, and the market steadied up during the early trading.

Home Damaged by Fire.

The home of Mrs. S. L. Kluttz, on North Church Street, was damaged by fire which was discovered shortly rooms was burned and furniture in the Houston, Tex., Jan. 2.-Irvin Cobb, two rooms were damaged by smoke and

A member of the family declared the The blaze was discovered by a passerthe roof was later ignited by a falling

No one was injured and the blaze was quickly extinguished by the firemen,

Is your watch accurate? If not, take it to the Starnes-Miller-Parker Co. The mid-winter shoe sale at the S. S. Brown Shoe Store will begin tomorrow

Men's dress shoes, the new tan calf plain toe, only \$4.95 at Parker's Shoe

W. A. Overcash is giving one-fourth ling, alleged slayer of his wife and Owen off on all Kupenheimer, Rochester and clean sweep. Take the elevator.

Lutheran Missionaries in Hospital at

word has been received concerning Mrs. Julina Kilen, who was kidnapped by the bandits.

Queen Mary of England is said to be the best cook among the royal women of

the main line of the Southern Railway. Mr. Tom Webb is spending several The crash occurred in a dense fog, mem-days in Durham and other eastern North Carolina cities.

North Carolina ranks among the We set our hand this date and sit to